

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by John G. Donnelly as Acting Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Ninth meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at Eatontown Municipal Building, 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

Present:

Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky
Vice Chairperson and State Commerce Commission Secretary and CEO Virginia Bauer
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry
Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump
Public Member Joseph Colfer
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie
Garrison Commander Col. Ricki Sullivan represented by George Fitzmaier
Eatontown Mayor Gerry Tarantolo

Absent: Public Member Laurie Cannon had previously advised the Authority.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Lucky, and he called upon Acting Secretary Donnelly to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Open Session was convened at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Authority Member Comments:

Mayor Chaump advised that Oceanport had hired a planner to assist in matters regarding the fort closure. Freeholder Burry noted that Notices of Interest (NOI) must continue to be submitted to State Advisor John Ciufo for Chair Lucky; that a fort tour for emergency services staff and municipalities' staff are helpful in the NOI process; and that the Monmouth County Agricultural Building is available for Authority meetings.

Elected Officials Comments:

None were offered, but the Chair noted the attendance of a member of the staff of U.S. Representative Frank Pallone.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Ms. Julie Mahedy of Wall suggested the formation of a Committee to assist groups with the NOI process. Mr. Tom Mahedy of Wall suggested that more NOI outreach and tours should be undertaken.

The Agenda was then presented for approval by adding approval of 2007 meeting dates, and with the Accountant moved to the next meeting's agenda. Mr. Colfer moved

for the approval of the agenda, Mayor Tarantolo seconded the motion and the agenda as revised was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

Chair Lucky announced that the Authority is pleased to have Deputy Director Rick Harrison and Executive Assistant Kathryn Verrochi on staff with Executive Director Cosentino, and that the headquarters at 12 Christopher Way in Eatontown is now open. He also advised the public that the Authority would be discussing the Request for Proposals concerning the comprehensive revitalization and reuse plan at the January 2007 meeting of the Authority, and emphasized that no decisions have been reached by the Authority on the fort's reuse, as all decisions will be made at the public meetings of the Authority in the future.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Cosentino described the new headquarters of the Authority. He noted that the Web site will be maintained by Deputy Director Harrison, who added that it will be a work in progress and that an online comment form called "Ask FMERPA" has been added. Mr. Cosentino described upcoming and recent tours of the fort that are listed on the Web site, and emphasized that pre-identification procedures for tours are strictly enforced by the fort, as are limits of 80 individuals per tour based on bus space and on the need for handicap access. He discussed recent meetings with Army Deputy Secretary Joseph Whitaker, with the three mayors on their vision for the future, with Rep. Rush Holt on his support, and with Peter Birnham of Brookdale College.

Vice Chair Bauer noted that she, Ellen Stein, Col. Sullivan and New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner David Socolow met with Major General Mazzucchi, Commanding General, CECOM to discuss workforce retention and other workforce issues affecting Fort Monmouth, and all pledged full cooperation with each other.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the August 16, 2006 Open Session (no Executive was held) were moved by Vice Chair Bauer, seconded by Mayor Tarantolo and unanimously approved.

The Minutes of the September 14, 2006 Open Session were moved by Public Member Colfer, seconded by Mayor Tarantolo and unanimously approved.

The Minutes of the September 14, 2006 Executive Session were moved by Mayor Chaump, seconded by Mayor Maclearie and unanimously approved.

The Minutes of the September 26, 2006 Open Session (no Executive was held) were moved by Freeholder Burry, seconded by Public Member Estephan and unanimously approved.

The following Agenda items were then presented.

0612-01: Appointment of Advisory Committees

This action is to meet the statutory requirement at Section 8 of the Act for the Authority to conduct its business. Recommended amendments to the resolution are: a) revise the second Whereas from “their members other than members” to “their initial members or other members of the public and other Authority members”; b) delete the Finance Committee and the Legal Committee since they concern internal operations; c) add an Infrastructure Committee to be chaired by Mayor Maclearie; and, d) add a Historical Committee to be chaired by Mayor Chaump. Public Member Colfer moved the resolution as amended, Vice Chair Bauer seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

0612-02: Reimbursement of Deputy Director

The effect of this item is to pay Deputy Director Richard Harrison for expenses related to a meeting of FMERPA Members and staff with representatives of the U.S. Department of Defense in an amount not to exceed \$80. Mayor Tarantolo moved the resolution, Mayor Chaump seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

0612-03: Meeting Dates

This action is to approve the 2007 meeting dates of the Authority, as follows: January 17, 2007, February 21, 2007, March 21, 2007, April 18, 2007, May 16, 2007, June 20, 2007, July 18, 2007, August 15, 2007, September 19, 2007, October 17, 2007, November 21, 2007, December 19, 2007. Mayor Maclearie moved the resolution, Freeholder Burry seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Public Comments were sought by the Chair:

- 1) Ms. Julie Fees-Mahedy of Wall suggested newspaper stories to publicize fort tours; discussed this Hub Zone is a historically underutilized business district; expressed concerns about conflicts and the Baltimore Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2) Mr. Tom Mahedy of Wall suggested there was a conflict in matters prior to the creation of the Authority.
- 3) Ms. Wanna Chin of Eatontown said the fort should be revitalized for sustainable endeavors such as renewable energy.

Chairperson Lucky noted that the Authority’s next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2007 and further information will be available shortly on the Web site.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Public Member Colfer, seconded by Vice Chair Bauer and unanimously adopted at 9:05 p.m.